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Japanese patent document number 11-219900 is discussed on pages 2-3 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,359,678.

Japanese patent document number 2000-91221 is discussed on page 22 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. patent application publication number 2002/0187440.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.


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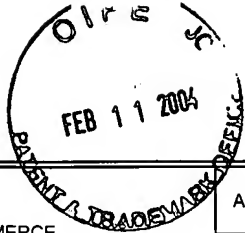
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